

REMARKS

The claims were rejected for enablement. Applicant requests reconsideration. The claims have at least three generating steps, an associating step, and a transmitting step, all occurring at a location, the proximal IPA location. These process steps occur at, and not by the proximal IPA, or the originating IPA, or the destination IPA. The IPA is a location and not a thing. The examiner apparently found the claims suitable for examination purposes and understood them correctly in the last office action. Applicant asserts, as the examiner apparently did in practice, that the claims are particular.

The claims were amended so as to more particularly claim the invention. In that, a routing, containing a URL and IPA are communicated to a destination. The URL identifies an originating web server whereat the web content data is originally stored. As the web content data is cached at other sources, the IPA in the routing does not, as in the prior art, points to the originating URL, but rather, points to another source at a sourcing IPA.

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Brendel and Gifford do not teach in any regard the transmission of a routing item to a destination IPA where the routing item includes a URL identifying an originating web server storing the sought after web content data and a sourcing IPA where the web content data is alternatively stored. The caching of the original web content data at alternative source locations, and the broadcasting of the routing items, enable and define a cooperative web cache network for efficient retrieval of web content data. (In Gifford see Col 5 line 53 to Col 7 line 6 for advertisement communications, and see Brendel Col 2 line 18 to line 35 for communicating DNS search results) The cited references do not teach associating an originating URL with a sourcing IPA as a routing item that is broadcast as a routing item to a distal IPA. Allowance of the claims is requested.

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